

Local and Other Items.

Messrs. McLean & Martin have taken offices in the house known as the LePage House, Great George Street.

The public are notified not to go near the walls of the burnt Post Office building, as they are liable to fall at any moment.

Dr. Macleod left to-day to attend the New York Polyclinic. He will be absent about two months. By enquiring at his residence, his patients may learn what arrangements he has made regarding them during his absence Feb 19—Ins dy & wky

We learn that at the request of a number of gentlemen from Montreal, the Glee Club has kindly consented to give a grand concert in aid of their new hall the week after next. The concert will be under the direction of Mr. Earle, of this city. More particulars in a few days.

By cablegram to Peake Bros. & Co., we learn that the bark "Moselle," Alex. McLeod, master, arrived at Liverpool from Parahiba, Brazil, on the 18th inst., making the passage in thirty-seven days. This vessel will immediately go on the berth for Charlottetown, as advertised.

Messrs. Warburton & Conroy, whose office was burnt last night, have taken offices for the present, in the house on the corner opposite the old Bank of P. E. I., (formerly LePage House), where they can be consulted by their clients as usual. Collections and proofs of insurance losses a specialty. Feb 20—31

The jury in the case of Frank Bushaway, who, it was alleged, was best to death in Moncton by a gang of young ruffians, on Thursday last, returned a verdict that death resulted from hemorrhage, caused by congestion of the brain. The Times, commenting on the investigation, says:—"The inquiry into the case of the death of Frank Bushaway ended last night in a most unsatisfactory manner. The only thing that appears to be made clear is the fact that the unfortunate young man is dead. The evidence of the medical gentlemen who made the post mortem want to show that injuries about the head led to the complications that caused death, but where or at whose hands he received the injuries is not so clear. If the witnesses are to be believed, they were not given at the Ruff woman's house, and there is positively no evidence as to a subsequent assault, except the alleged statements of the unfortunate deceased at a time when his mind was not very clear. The jury, possibly, might have rendered a more elaborate verdict, but if they had done so it does not appear that the matter would have been made clearer. The young man "Rack" Little has, at all events, left the town, and if all reports be true, the community will not lose much by his absence."

It is not often that Picton originates anything, but the Messrs. of Picton can claim the honor of being the first to introduce a class of entertainment which bids fair to become fashionable. Last year our Indians gave several entertainments in Picton and neighboring towns, consisting of Indian dances, etc., the proceeds of which were to go in aid of an Indian Church. Had they been blessed with a smart Yankee manager they would have made money, as the entertainment was in itself taking. One could scarcely recognise in the feathered furred, wampum and armed braves, the peaceful mild Pains, Newells and Knockwoods whom we daily see on our streets. We note that the Caughnawaga Indians, near Montreal, have been giving similar entertainments under the management of "white folks," with the greatest success and have succeeded in attracting great attention. A Yankee showman could make quite a pile by combining these Mimica dances with some variety entertainment. Handsome dresses, a good stage and scenic effects would make them "all the rage" for a time, till the next new sensation.—Picton News.

Missionary Meeting.

The annual missionary meeting of the West St. Peter and Mount Stewart Congregation was held in the Mount Stewart Church on the 9th of January last, the Rev. John McLeod, of Zion Church, Charlottetown, conducted religious services, after which the secretary read the names and amounts subscribed, amounting in all to \$117.75 which was appropriated as follows:

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| Foreign Missions.....       | \$55 00  |
| Home Missions.....          | 5 00     |
| Supplementing Fund.....     | 7 00     |
| College Fund.....           | 15 00    |
| French Evangelization.....  | 15 00    |
| Day-spring and schools..... | 5 00     |
| Assembly Fund.....          | 3 00     |
| Widows and Orphans.....     | 2 75     |
|                             | \$117 75 |

WILLIAM HENRY DOUGLAS,  
Sec'y and Treasurer.

Feb. 15th, 1884.

Wants his Dividend.

SIR,—Many people were pleased to see in your issue of the 4th instant, an item respecting the flourishing condition of the Peters Combination Lock Co., Moncton. It is to be hoped that it will soon be in a condition to pay the dividend which was declared nearly twelve months ago. Some of your readers would be pleased to know how many more flourishing manufacturing concerns there are in Canada declaring dividends, and thereby making a good show of business, and which are unable to pay the dividends declared.

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE PETERS' COMBINATION LOCK CO.  
Feb. 12, 1884.

The above appears in the Charlottetown Examiner of a recent date. It may not be amiss to state a fact which all the stock holders should be acquainted with, if they are not, namely: that while the P. C. Lock Company of this town has made large and steady earnings ever since commencement, no dividends have been paid during the last year. The Company found that an enlarged business required a larger working capital, which it was sought to provide by the issue of bonds rather than by further calls on the capital stock (only fifty per cent of which is paid up); but owing to circumstances these bonds were never disposed of and the profits have been absorbed in providing capital. In view of the nearness of the annual meeting of the stockholders, it may not be necessary to anticipate the Directors' statement as to the profits of the past year, but we think they will be found quite satisfactory, and the resumption of the payment of dividends may be practicable before very long. The interests of the stockholders have been studied in this matter, and the dissatisfied might be convinced of this in many ways more readily than by sending complaints to the newspapers.—Moncton Times.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

South Side Queen Square Consumed.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$200,000.

INSURANCE ABOUT \$100,000

The Post Office Building, W. & A. Brown's Dry Good Store, Henry Beer's General Store, G. H. Hazard's Bookbindery, E. W. Taylor's Jewelry Store, W. Kennedy's Confectionery, Fraser & Reddin's Drug Store, The "Patriot" Office, and others among the Ruins.

ABOUT one o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the confectionery establishment of Mr. William Kennedy, situated on the South Side of Queen Square, and nearly opposite the Post Office. The fire soon assumed alarming proportions, and a family named Williams were hurriedly rescued by ladder from one of the windows, together with an old lady living with them, whom the Chief Engineer gallantly brought down the ladder, after wrapping her in his great-coat. The Williams family occupied the flat over DesBrisay & Angus, Insurance Agents, and S. T. Nemes, Bookseller. Very soon after the alarm was given, the whole upper flats of the building were in flames, together with the whole of the premises, above and below, occupied by Mr. Kennedy. The fire department got promptly to work, and soon smothered the flames, and their efforts laid fair to confine the fire to the Hazard block, and even save it, in a mere or less gutted condition, but soon the fire arose that the water was giving out, and the lessened streams of water soon showed to the affrighted citizens that it was an unfortunate fact that the supply of water in the tanks was rapidly failing. The streams of water soon becoming inadequate, the fire again gained control, the block was doomed, and the flames communicated to the buildings east and west. The Patriot office building was soon in flames; and after the brick walls of Mr. John Newson's furniture establishment had resisted the fire for a time, it finally succumbed, and both buildings went down. St. Patrick's Hall, a substantial brick building, successfully resisted the terrible fire made by Newson's building, although the hall caught on the roof, and some of the windows on the north side were injured or destroyed.

In the meantime the fire communicated to W. & A. Brown's store on the west, which, with that occupied by Henry Beer, and owned by Hertz & Son, was soon a mass of flames. All this time the fire department could do but little on account of the failure of the water supply. The men worked like trojans and did wonders under the circumstances. The fire next attacked the building owned jointly by Hertz & Son and Mrs. Stamper, but by almost superhuman efforts the firemen succeeded in saving Mrs. Stamper's house on the corner.

The fire thus commencing in Kennedy's, destroyed the office of Messrs. Warburton & Conroy, lawyers (their office being separated from Kennedy's by a temporary partition) the office of Messrs. McLeod & Morson, Kennedy's confectionery, DesBrisay & Angus' office, S. T. Nemes' bookstore, E. W. Taylor, jeweller, all in the one block; the bookstore and bindery of G. H. Hazard, the dry goods store of W. & A. Brown & Co., the hardware store of Henry Beer, and the flour and feed store of Mr. Angus. The next premises destroyed were unoccupied. On the east the Patriot building, as we have already stated, was destroyed, in which was the Patriot newspaper, overhead, and on the lower or ground floor were the hair dressing saloon of Mr. Power, and the billiard rooms of Jos. Wakefield. Messrs. McLean & Martin occupied an office on the second floor of Mr. Newson's building, and Messrs. Fraser & Reddin, druggists, occupied a portion of the lower flat. Mr. Newson occupied the rest of the premises with his extensive furniture business. His whole establishment, including all his workshops, facing on Sydney Street, went down before the destroying element. About the time that Mr. Newson's factory was burning, it was observed that the roof of the Post Office building was on fire, and a number of persons attempted to extinguish the flames. At first the fire attracted little notice, but the flames soon gained such headway, in consequence of the short water supply, that the fire building was almost completely destroyed. Only the walls and the principal vaults remain. Assistant Collector Bremner placed all the Custom House papers in the proper vault, where they still remain.

Altogether, this has been the most destructive fire which has visited Charlottetown since the great fire in 1866.

When it became evident that the premises would be destroyed, Messrs. Newson and Fraser & Reddin removed their stocks, or the greater portion of them. The Patriot saved little but paper, and much of that was afterwards removed from the square in a damaged state, as the flakes of fire attacked it, and the furniture of Mr. Newson, which occupied a good portion of the square about and near the Colonial Building. Mr. Kennedy lost everything, with trifling exception; Mr. Nemes' and Mr. Hazard's stock suffered severely; Mr. Taylor, we believe, saved the greater portion of his stock; Messrs. W. & A. Brown saved considerable, and Mr. C. B. Warren, who occupied "Stamper's Corner," removed his stock of boots and shoes, but as we have shown, the building was not destroyed.

The great loss which individuals and the town have met with, is the direct result of parsimony on a point when such a spirit is a crime. More water is wanted in Charlottetown; and more water must be had. To expect that our brave and active firemen, led by their courageous and intelligent officers, shall extinguish fires without water and the necessary apparatus, is pre-

posterous, stupid, expensive and cruel. Men cannot do impossibilities; but it is to be said of our firemen that they make the attempt, and failure is not the result of neglect or supineness on their part.

As to the origin of the fire Mr. Kennedy says that he accidentally overturned a large burning kerosene oil lamp upon some excelsior in a closet at the rear of his shop. He endeavored to first extinguish the flames, but being unable to do so, he at once gave the alarm.

A Second Fire.

At nine o'clock this morning the stable of Mr. Charles Harvey, proprietor of the North American Hotel, was discovered on fire. This was evidently the work of an incendiary. Sibley Engine was then disabled by leaking tubes, and Rollo was brought into action, and obtained a supply of water from Quirk's pump. The fire spread rapidly to the carriage factory in the rear of Mr. John Scott's, occupied by Messrs. McAleer & Carroll, and from thence to the North American Hotel. Notwithstanding the gallant work of the firemen all the buildings above named were destroyed, together with a number of stables, etc., in the rear of the houses fronting on Great George Street. The large hardware store of W. E. Dawson & Co. was, through the excellent management of the firemen, saved from destruction.

Notes.

The property destroyed is estimated roughly, to be worth \$200,000, and it is said to be insured for about half that amount. The insurance is distributed among the following companies, viz: North British & Mercantile, Northern, Royal, City of London, Imperial, Hartford, Queen, British American, Citizen, Commercial, Union & Western.

The Post Office is now arranged in the Bank of P. E. Island building. All letters, papers, etc., are ready for delivery.

The Savings Bank's officials will be found in the Old Bank building.

The agent of the Marine and Fisheries will be found in the Old Bank building.

Mr. John Quirk and Mr. John Hobbs bid the thanks of the Rollo Fire Engine Company for supplying them with refreshments during the fire.

The death of Mr. Joseph Weeks, one of Charlottetown's oldest and most respected citizens, occurred this morning. He was at work carrying water to extinguish the fire which threatened the house of his neighbor, and while thus employed he fell prostrate and expired. He was the father of the Messrs. Weeks, of the firm of W. A. Weeks & Co. He was deservedly respected by all with whom he was acquainted.

DIED.

Suddenly, in this city, on the 20th inst., Mr. Joseph Weeks, aged 79 years. [Funeral from late residence, Sydney Street, on Friday, by train to Sherwood Cemetery.]

DR. MACKAY,

Physician and Surgeon

OFFICE: ROCKLIN HOUSE,

Kent Street, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Feb. 16, 1883—3aw tf

JUST RECEIVED,

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MARKED LOW.

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FANCY GOODS, in every variety, viz.—Brackets, Music Stands, Easels, and Canterbury, Fire Screens and Tables (combined), Flower Stands and Light Stands, Folding Chairs and Rocking Chairs, Chess Table and Ladies' Work Table (something new), Smokers' Stands, Parlor Easels, etc., etc.

Two very fine BAGETTELE BOARDS. FRAMED CHROMOS.

MANTLE MIRRORS (new patterns).

Upholstering Department,

Under the management of MR. DREW, a veteran in the trade.

We have just received our Fall and Winter Stock of Goods, comprising forty-five different pieces of Furniture Coverings, Gimp and Buttons to match, Sessions Tickings, Hair Cloth, imitation of Leather, etc., etc. In this department to give satisfaction, as our stock was purchased in the cheapest markets and marked accordingly.

HAIR MATRESSES, FLOCK do., EXCELSIOR do., STRAW do., FEATHER BEDS.

Every variety of Spring Beds, Dominion Wire Matresses, best in the market, every bed warranted, price \$5.00.

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KILL-DRIED STOCK and BEST WORK-MANSHIP, every time.

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Winter Goods, of every description, Good and Cheap, at

PERKINS & STERNS.

Ch'town, Nov. 10, 1883.

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Received Before the Advance in Duty.

We have an immense stock of

GREY AND WHITE COTTONS,

Purchased when the Cotton market was at the lowest point of depression.

Fleecy Cottons,

Sheeting Cottons,

Pillow Cottons,

TABLE LINEN AND NAPKINS,

Towels and Towelling,

TAPESTRY, SCOTCH AND BRUSSELS CARPETS,

And other House Furnishing Goods.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, Feb. 11, 1884.

1884. JANUARY. 1884.

Annual Clearance Sale At

J. B. MACDONALD'S.

I AM now having my Annual Clearance Sale, and will CLEAR OUT Wool Goods in

Scarfs, Clouds, Wool Squares, Heavy Winter Cloths, Winter Dress Stuffs, Ladies' Fur Caps and Muffs, Ladies' Fur Tippets, Ladies' Felt and Fur Hats, Men's Fur and Cloth Caps, Men's and Boys' Ulsters, Overcoats and Reefing Jackets, Also Remnants in Cloths, Remnants in Dress Stuffs, Remnants in Prints, and Remnants in Canton Flannels.

These goods must be cleared out and Bargains Extraordinary will be given.

J. B. MACDONALD'S,

Ch'town, Jan. 12, 1884.—2aw wkly.

Queen Street.

NEW FRUIT,

Wholesale and Retail, Cheap.

ON HAND:

230 boxes very choice Valencia and Layer RAISINS, 30 half-boxes choice LAYERS, 3,000 pounds CURRANTS, 200 boxes prime FIGS, 5 cases choice PRUNES, 200 barrels hard WINTER APPLES, No. 1, 20 kegs GRAPES,

AND MORE TO ARRIVE.

BEER & GOFF.

Nov. 14, 1883.—2aw wkly

"KENSINGTON FARM."

NOTICE is hereby given, that whereas trees have lately been cut down and others wantonly injured, and fences destroyed on the "Kensington Property," near this city, the subscriber, who is the owner of the said property, will cause to be sued all persons found in any way trespassing thereon.

The part of this property fronting on the Hillsborough River will be leased for farming purposes for a term of years.

MICHAEL BEAZELEY,

By his Attorney G. W. DUBLOIS.

Ch'town, Jan. 23, 1884.—if

Scholarship Examination.

AN examination for the "Daniel Hodgson Scholarship," for King's College, Windsor, will be held in Charlottetown, in June next. Candidates must be natives of and residents in P. E. Island, under 20 years of age, and not already matriculated members of any University.

The subjects of examination will be as follows:

Homer Iliad I, or Xenophon Anab II; Cicero pro lege, Manilia, and Horace Odes I; Latin Composition; The ordinary Rules of Arithmetic; Vulgar and Decimal Fractions; The four Elementary Rules in Algebra; Euclid I and II.

In English—Orthography, Writing from Dictation, the Grammatical Structure of the Language, Outline of History of England, and General Geography.

The Scholarship is of the annual value of \$125, and will be tenable for three years.

For further particulars apply to

GEORGE W. HODGSON,

Hon'y Sec'y. Trustee.

Jan. 25, 1884.—wly dly oaw 1m pat s;

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To the free and independent Electors of the Fourth Electoral District of Queen's County.

GENTLEMEN,—Being unanimously chosen by a full convention of delegates from all parts of your district, as the Liberal-Conservative candidate at the forthcoming election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the much-lamented late Angus D. McMillan, I am now before you to solicit your influence and support.

If returned, you may rest assured of my undivided attention to all the wants of the District, and will always, I trust, be found a supporter of good measures, as well as of the equitable disbursement of the Public Funds.

Trusting that I will have your countenance and support at the polls,

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours truly,

ALEXANDER MARTIN.

Jan. 28, 1884.—wky pres her.

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